

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: William H. Wildesen Farm Inventory Number: G-V-B-035

Address: West of King Wildesen Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Gorman

Owner: Richard Marple Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 150 Tax Map Number: 96 Tax Account ID Number: 08-015511

Assess Visual Effects of Allegheny Heights Windpower

Project: Facility Agency:

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name:  Date:

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

*If the property is within a district*

District Inventory Number:

NR-listed district ☐ Yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name:

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The William H. Wildesen Farm (MIHP # G-V-B-035) is located at the end of a short unpaved farm road off King Wildesen Road. The house faces northeast and is sited in a hollow with rising ground south and west that block views of Backbone Mountain. The view from the front is rising ground topped by trees.

The two-story, three-bay by one-bay house was constructed ca. 1890 and appeared on the USGS Oakland quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1908 (USGS 1899, 1908). The house currently is vacant and in disrepair. The wood-frame building is clad with asbestos shingles and has a band of asphalt shingles between the first and second stories on the front elevation. The asymmetrical three bay façade has an off-center doorway. The door is not visible through the glass storm door. A transom is located over the doorway. The windows are six-over-six-light, double-hung sash units set in plain wood casings; many window panes are broken. The side gable roof is sheathed with metal sheets. The eave has a box cornice along the front elevation. The 1981 MIHP form recorded no porch on the building, although the presence of the asphalt shingles between the first and second stories suggested that a one-story porch once spanned the front elevation. Currently, a one-bay porch constructed of scrap

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments:

Andrew Lewis  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  
Patricia Kuntz  
Reviewer, NR Program

4/7/05  
Date

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wood shelters the doorway. The ell once had a one-story porch with front-facing gable roof. This porch is barely standing.

The barn reported in the 1981 MIHP form is no longer standing. Two sets of silos mark the location of the former barn. Two silos are concrete construction with exterior metal reinforcing hoops. Two silos were metal. These silos have no caps.

A one-story, five-bay by one-bay house is located northeast of the main house. This wood-frame building rests on a poured concrete foundation and is clad in horizontal wood siding. The shallow gable roof with shed extension is sheathed with metal sheets over wood. All openings are located along the front elevation, but the openings are boarded up.

A modern metal barn for cattle is located near the entry road. A blue metal Harvestore silo is nearby.

The house appears to date from the late nineteenth century based on the 1899 USGS map. It is a typical domestic form but is undistinguished in its physical design under National Register Criterion C. The removal of the barn and other period farm buildings has compromised the integrity of the farmstead to illustrate agricultural patterns in Garrett County from the early twentieth century (Criterion A). The house is not documented as associated with a significant person in the past (Criterion B).

References

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1981 MIHP Form G-V-B-035. On file at the MHT Library, Crownsville, MD.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee

1990 A Field Guide to American Houses. Alfred A. Knopf, New York.

USGS

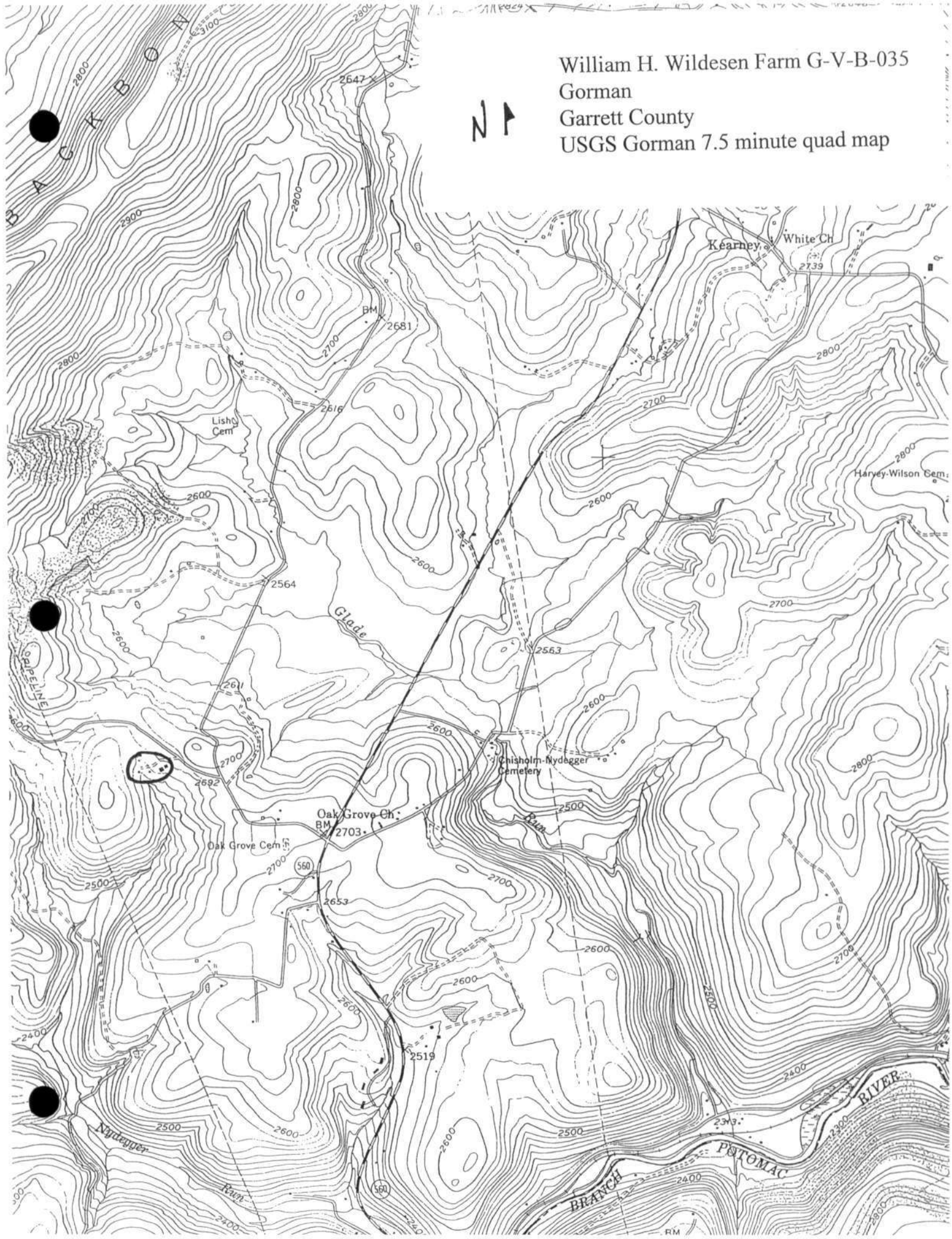
1908 Oakland 15 minute quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1900 and 1908.

1948 Gorman 7.5 minute quadrangle map from aerial photographs 1946, field checked 1948, photo-revised 1981.

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Date Prepared: January 2005

William H. Wildesen Farm G-V-B-035  
Gorman  
Garrett County  
USGS Gorman 7.5 minute quad map





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WILLIAM H. WILSON FARM  
GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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William H. Wildesen Farm  
Gorman  
Private

late 19th century

The William H. Wildesen frame house is a two story, three bay by one bay gable roof structure with a two bay by one bay ell. The house rests on a stone foundation. The original German siding exterior has been covered with asbestos shingles.

A barn is also located on the property.



## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

William H. Wildesen Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

King Wildesen Rd., off Oak Grove Rd., approx. 3/4 miles NW of Route 560

CITY, TOWN

Gorman

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

— EXCELLENT  
— GOOD  
☒ FAIR

— DETERIORATED  
— RUINS  
— UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
— ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

— ORIGINAL SITE  
— MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame house is situated in a hilly area off Oak Grove Road, approximately 3/4 miles northwest of Route 560. The house faces southeast. It is a two story, three bay by one bay gable roof structure with a two bay by one bay ell. A single story enclosed porch addition with a gable end front roof is located facing off from the southwest elevation of the ell. The roof of this enclosed porch however appears to be about to cave in. It is evident from the marks on the facade that it once had a porch also. The house can be entered from the rear porch and from the central front entrance with transom.

An interior brick chimney is located on the southwest elevation of the ell where it meets the main block. Six over six windows light the house except for the rear southwest and northwest elevations where two over two sash windows have been installed. The house rests on a stone foundation. The original German siding exterior has been covered with asbestos shingles.

A barn is also located on the property.

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block and rear kitchen wing, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

August 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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William H. Wildesen Farm

Garrett County, MD

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Facade: SE & SW elevations





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Rear: SW elevation